

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It was a beautiful Memorial Day weekend to start the 128th Summer at Assembly Park! Although Saturday morning started a bit cool, the swim piers were filled with brave “plungers” to help kick off the season with a splash! Many thanks to the Auxiliary who coordinated this annual event - complete with delicious “walking tacos” and other treats, and to Nadine Bahaveolos for the Sunday morning Yoga! Summer is here at Assembly Park!

The Parks looked wonderful, thanks to the care and support provided by Rob and Mae Mohr! Recent heavy storms felled several trees and left branches and debris throughout the parks, yet thanks to their support and the assistance of many volunteers, the parks were as beautiful as the weekend weather. The roads were recently swept, the piers and playground equipment in place, and we were ready to welcome summer on schedule. Thank you!

Our volunteer committees have also been very busy over the winter. The Auxiliary spent time updating their by-laws to reflect best practices and current operations. They have carefully planned many wonderful events for all to enjoy this summer and are inviting all to participate in the fun and to contribute by volunteering! Please plan on joining the Auxiliary this year and attend their Annual Meeting on June 10th.

Our Assembly Hall Committee, led by Kathleen Fielder and Jim Ignoffo, have been quite busy this off season, helping us navigate through the various requirements of the County and Town, and by developing a vision for the new hall that has been shared and endorsed by the community. The process has not always been easy, with differing perspectives and challenging regulatory requirements. Yet under their gentle guidance, we have continued to move forward and are now in the process of developing formal architectural and engineering plans to present to contractors so that we can complete the project bidding process and hopefully break ground this fall. Many thanks to all for your engagement, feedback, and support of this important project for future generations of our community!

As we approach our Annual Meeting on June 13th at 10:00 am, the excitement of gathering is also met with the sadness of missing those long-time members of our community no longer present with us. This past year was especially challenging, as we said farewell to far too many individuals: Edward Murhpy, Kate Fiedler, Bob Fritish, Ron Randl, Phil Skrpek, Tom Nugent, Rev Fed Zagone, Wayland Vavck, Megan Kathleen (Nangle) Ivanich, Bill Winters.

While they are no longer present with us at the Park, they live on in our memories and in our hearts.

At the Annual Meeting we will be presenting the 2027 Budget for your questions and adoption. Katie O'Halloran has done a tremendous job to prepare a budget that addresses the needs of the

community without increasing the assessment from the previous year. A copy of the budget presentation will be sent to all members in advance of the meeting.

Also, at the Annual Meeting we will be presenting the slate of candidates for your consideration for the Board of Directors. This year we have three individuals whose term is concluding, Greg Selep, Katie Bonk, and Jorge Cordova. Katie and Greg have elected to conclude their service at this time. Both have provided us with outstanding support and leadership over the years. Under Katie's direction, the parks have been restored and a cycle of maintenance developed. Greg's contributions over the years are too numerous to mention, and his leadership, wisdom and service to our community will be greatly missed by all. I have been so blessed to work with both over the years.

We continue to seek individuals to run for the Board of Directors to help us in service to the community. Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions to any Board member regarding this wonderful opportunity.

Assembly Park has always been more than a place — it is a community shaped by generations of friendships, traditions, volunteerism, and shared memories. As we gather this summer, may we honor those who helped build this community, appreciate those who continue its work today, and welcome the opportunities ahead with optimism and gratitude. Thank you for your continued support, engagement, and love for this very special place.

Wishing you and your families a joyful and memorable summer season,

Sincerely,

John A. Glimco

DLA Board President